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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GERSHENSON ET AL.

Examiner

Minh-Chau T. Pham

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 1-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jensen (5,904,743) in view of Burmeister (2,537,205) or Scriven (2,467,503).

Jensen discloses an inlet flange to be used in a filter system comprising a body (7) capable of being attached to the filter medium (19) and allowing fluids to enter the filter medium (19), a lip (15) located on the edges of the body (7) to enable the body to be supported in a filter housing (16) and lip (17) comprising a first surface (17) and a second surface (9), and the first surface (17) being capable of resting on a surface edge of the housing (16). Claims 1-28 differ from the disclosure of Jensen in that the lip has the second surface extending above the housing and sealing material located on the

surfaces to prevent fluids from passing between the lip and the housing and between the lip and the lid. Burmeister discloses an air cleaner which houses a filter bag with a lid wherein the lip (see 18 in Fig. 2) is located on the edge of body and comprises a first surface being capable of resting on the surface of edge of the housing and second surface extending above the housing and the sealing material located on the first and second surfaces (see the configuration of item 18 in Fig. 2; col. 2, lines 19-36), and the sealing material is of rubber or rubber-like material. Scriven discloses an air cleaner with a projecting flange (14) mounting on the outer casing (10) of the dirt container (30) and resting on the surface edge of the housing (see 14 in Fig. 1). It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a sealing lip with raised portion as taught by either Burmeister or Scriven in the filter apparatus of Jensen in order to facilitate effective sealing for the filter system to avoid any air leakage or filter bypassing.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Griffin et al (5,202,021) disclose an integrated molded collar for a filter cage.
- Griffin et al (5,290,441) disclose an integrated filter cage for baghouses.
- Senne (2,543,556) discloses a filter unit for vacuum cleaners.
- Griffin et al (5,308,485) disclose an integrated collar filter bag.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh-Chau T. Pham whose telephone number is (671)

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272-1163. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon/Tues/Thur/Fri 7:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on (571) 272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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